HOMONYMS, HOMOGRAPHS AND HOMOPHONES

ASSESSMENT TEST

Direction: Select the appropriate word from each of the pairs in brackets to complete the sentences correctly.

1. There were (hordes / hoards) of people in town this afternoon.
2. My son has just been elected to the town (council / counsel).
3. Is it wrong to (steal / steel) food when your family is starving?
4. Looking after pigs is a real (bore / boar).
5. A bucket is same thing as a (pail / pale).
6. My daughter decided to (die / dye) her hair red.
7. I bought a bottle of perfume for my wife. It cost me 23 dollars and 50 (scents / cents).
8. Of (course / coarse) I'll come and help you start your car.
9. There's no need to (alter / altar) your plans on my account.
10. I have got a terrible (pane / pain) in my stomach.
11. Passengers should not alight until the train is (stationery / stationary).
12. Can you smell (guess / gas)? There must be a (leek / leak) somewhere.
13. The driver had to (brake / break) sharply when a little girl ran out in front of his car.
14. I bought this boat cheap in the end-of-season (sail / sale).
15. The children were feeding buns to the (bears / bares) at the zoo.
16. The prisoners were locked up in tiny (cells / sells).
17. The crowed (raized / razed) a cheer as the procession drove (passed / past).
18. I was (born / borne) 30 years ago today.
19. I was the eighth child that my mother had (born / borne).
20. The (principal / principle) benefit of this method is its simplicity.
21. I love (wandering / wondering) down country (lanes / lain) on warm summer evenings.

22. A man was killed this afternoon when several (bales / bails) of hay fell off a lorry onto his car.
23. We are all (here / hare) (except / accept) John.
24. Alcohol (affects / effects) the functioning of the brain.
25. Albert Einstein was an (imminent / eminent) scientist.
26. You won't be (eligible / illegible) to join the club until you're twenty-one.
27. It is (specially / especially) nice to be here because it gives me the opportunity to (meat / meet) so many old friends.
28. The pole was striking out a 90-degree (angel / angle) to the wall.
29. One of my front teeth is (lose / loose).
30. He has recently bought a new three-piece (suit / suite).
31. Islam is the religion of (piece / peace).
32. If you are interested in working for this company, please apply in writing to the (personal / personnel) manager.
33. The union held a (ballad / ballot) to elect a new president.
34. We are paid our salaries in the form of (checks / cheques).
35. Shepherds usually (rare / rear) dogs in order to protect their (herd / heard).
36. The police use tear-guess to disperse the angry (mobs / mops).
37. A mighty (quack / quake) annihilated a vast area.
38. She loves being at calm and (quite / quiet) places.
39. Love is basically an (allusion / illusion).
40. My country is very (dear / deer) to me.